

145640

929542

000050

[REDACTED]
West Chicago IL60185
August 18, 1994

Ms Rebecca Frey
Remedial Project Manager
U.S. EPA Region 5
77 West Jackson Blvd.
Chicago IL 60604-3590

Dear Ms Frey

Please add these comments to the public record concerning an EE/CA for the Kerr McGee Residential Areas site and portions of the Kress Creek site.

I support the plan proposed in the EE/CA. The plan satisfactorily addresses the concerns I have expressed over the years:

- begin the removal earlier than later. It is good that the plan calls for removal to begin before all contaminated locations have been identified. It is also good that contingencies for interim storage and an alternate staging area have been planned so that removal can proceed as quickly as all of the agreements have been approved.
- begin the removal from the residences along Kress Creek before a plan for the creek itself is in place. Owners need to have the freedom to use their property without fear to their health or economic well being.

In addition, I support the plan for recontamination prevention: do nothing. The assumptions that there will not be significant flooding or that such flooding would significantly recontaminate the properties are consistent with my experience of living along the creek for 26 years and consistent with my understanding of how the thorium contamination would move. Trying to contain the creek in the Kress Creek site would only create larger problems down stream--the water and perhaps contamination is going to go somewhere. Why send it further down stream?

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the EE/CA.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]